SAU, Balochistan college ink MoU to strengthen collaboration

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: The Sindh Agriculture University (SAU), Tandojam, and Balochistan Agriculture College (BAC), Quetta, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen inter-provincial academic and research collaboration on agricultural and environmental challenges, especially relating to dryland and rangeland management, adaptation to climate change, forestry development, food security and effective utilisation of drainage and rainwater.

The MoU was signed on Friday by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Altaf Ali Siyal on behalf of the SAU and Principal Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Reki on behalf of the college. The collaboration primarily focuses research related to water flows from Balochistan's Nari Basin and adjoining areas, drainage water entering Sindh through various natural and artificial channels, rainwater harvesting and scientific utilisation of rain and drainage water for sustainable agricultural production.

In addition, joint research initiatives on forestry in Sindh and rangeland management in Balochistan would be undertaken under this partnership. The VC said approximately 25pc of Balochistan's run-off enters Sindh through Chukhi and travels through RBOD right up to Manchar Lake.

He added that water enters Sindh from Balochistan through Nai Gaj and Hub Dam, underscoring urgent need for an inter-provincial cooperation in research, education and climate resilience. He said that in recent years, nearly half of Sindh remained submerged due to extreme climatic events, with rainfall recorded up to 1,600mm in certain areas, reflecting growing intensity of climate change impacts.

He called for joint scientific research to prevent water wastage, ensure safe storage, develop efficient drainage systems and promote productive use of rain and drainage water in agriculture.

He said the SAU and BAC would collaborate on dryland and rangeland management research in Balochistan while the university would contribute its expertise under its newly-launched forestry degree programme to support forest development initiatives in Sindh. The MoU includes faculty and graduate exchange programmes and joint research projects.

Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Reki took pride in returning to his alma mater i.e., SAU for collaborative initiative of national importance. He said that academic institutions must evolve in response to modern challenges, particularly economic pressures, climate change, and rapidly advancing technologies.

PARTICIPANTS of the walk for heritage preservation visit Besant Hall in Hyderabad on Friday.—Dawn

CM Murad wants speedy completion of all ongoing uplift schemes

Warns officials against negligence, poor workmanship and weak supervision

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Friday reviewed the overall progress of various projects across the province and issued firm directives to all the departments concerned to ensure an accelerated execution of all approved schemes. He stressed their timely completion and strict adherence to quality and standards.

The meeting, held at CM House, was attended by provincial ministers Sharjeel Inam Memon, Saeed Ghani, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Jam Khan Shoro and Ziaul Hassan Lanjar; Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab, Chief Secretary Syed Asif Hyder Shah, Home Secretary Iqbal Memon, Personal Secretary to the CM Agha Wasif, Karachi Commissioner Hassan Naqvi, Planning and Development (P&D) Board Chairman Najam Shah, P&D Director General Altaf Sario and others.

Najam Shah briefed the meeting about the development performance, ongoing flagship projects and institutional reforms.

Reviewing the provinces development trajectory, the chief minister said that Sindh's development budget has increased significantly, from Rs55bn in 2008-09 to Rs1,018bn in 2025-26, including Rs367bn billion through Foreign Project Assistance (FPA) and Rs76 billion under the federal PSDP. During this period, over 13,000 development schemes were taken up and 9,193 projects completed. They pertained to roads, irrigation, WASH, education, health, agriculture and social sectors, the meeting was told.

Expressing his dissatisfaction over delays and cost overruns in some schemes, the CM Shah directed the departments concerned to prioritise completion and functionality over launch of new schemes. He warned that negligence, poor workmanship and weak supervision would not be tolerated.

The chief minister was also briefed on major post-flood rehabilitation initiatives under the Sindh Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Project (SFERP), including rehabilitation of 141 flood-affected roads spanning 825 kilometres, restoration of 500 water supply and drainage schemes and completion of cash-for-work programmes benefitting over 139,000 households.

He directed that climate-resilient standards under the 'Build Back Better' approach be strictly enforced.

Regarding urban sector interventions, the meeting was informed about the Karachi Neighbourhood Improvement Project (KNIP), under which roads, parks, drainage, sewerage, public spaces and street lighting have been upgraded, significantly improving mobility, safety and urban livability.

The CM stressed that such neighborhood-level projects must be expanded to other urban centres based on documented performance and impact.

The Sindh Municipal Services Delivery Programme (MSDP) was also reviewed, with briefings on improved water supply, wastewater management, and solid waste management services in Jacobabad.

Mr Shah directed local governments to ensure sustainability of assets, proper operation and maintenance after completion of projects.

Commending the P&D Department for introducing digitisation, online approvals, GPS-based tracking, QR codes and third-party monitoring, the CM stressed that technology must result in real-time decision-making and corrective action, not just reporting.

He also reviewed progress of urban master planning, directing that notified master plans be strictly enforced to control unplanned growth, protect public land and guide infrastructure investments.

He issued clear instructions that all departments must adhere to the approved timelines and cost limits; ongoing projects must be completed before launching new schemes; quality control and third-party validation must be strengthened; and quarterly progress reports must be submitted for personal review.—APP

Walk held for preservation of Hyderabad heritage sites

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: A walk was held in the city for the preservation of Hyderabad's rich cultural heritage which faces threat of destruction or demolition by vested interests.

The idea of holding the walk was coined by City Taluka Assistant Commissioner Syed Noor Hussain who has established the Heritage Preservation Cell in his office.

Commissioner Fayyaz Abbasi and Deputy Commissioner Zainul Abiden Memon also joined in the walk.

Tour guide Siraj Bhagat, volunteered to share his knowledge about the history of the sites. The walk started from Besant Hall at around 9am and ended at Pucca Quila Chowk at about 12:30pm.

The participants visited about a dozen sites and received briefings about them. Besides Besant Hall, the sites included Radio Pakistan building and the 1920s' Seth Moolchand Dialdas Club. Some pre-partition era buildings around Hyder Chowk were also covered in the tour.

The participants took keen interest in the Mitharam Hostel and Khan Bahadur Azeem Khan Library before proceeding to Sindh University's old campus.

They were taken to the Mukhi House (now a museum), Hasrat Mohani Library and Pucca Qila Chowk, where the walk culminated.

Awami Tehreek moot demands weapons-free varsities in Sindh

Strongly opposes privatisation of educational institutions

Dawn Report

HYDERABAD: A conference organised by the Sindhi Shagird Tahreek — the student wing of Awami Tehreek (AT) — strongly condemned growing incidents of violence at universities in the province and demanded arrest of anyone found displaying weapons on campuses.

The conference, held in the Hyderabad Press Club on Friday, also opposed privatisation of educational institutions under the Public-Private Partnership mode and demanded reduction in academic fees.

Students, educationists, writers, journalists, lawyers, peasants, labour leaders and people from other walks of life attended the conference.

AT General Secretary Advocate Sajid Hussain Mahesar expressed his strong reservations over inclusion of some questions about "new provinces if created from within Sindh" in the Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC) exam papers. He believed that it was a deliberate move to gain people's favour for the idea of Sindh's division.

He also held the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party responsible for corruption in Sindh's bureaucracy and hooliganism in educational institutions of the province.

He alleged that inept bureaucrats, instead of educationists, were being appointed vice chancellors.

Sindhiyani Tehreek (AT's women wing) President Umrah Samoon alleged that PPP was selling jobs through the SPSC whereas posts of VCs, SPSC chairman and education boards' heads were being auctioned.

Sindhi Shagird Tehreek President Naveed Abbas Kalhoro accused the PPP government of having destroyed the education sector in the province. He also accused the party and its government of auctioning off Sindh's lands, as well as water and mineral resources.

He observed that an environment of terror and fear was being created in universities by those frequently resorting to firing. He said administrations of the university were either unaware of the grave situation or they remained indifferent to it.

Others who spoke at the conference included Sarmad Saindad Khasakheli, Advocate Najeeb-ur-Rehman Mahesar, Sarmad Rajpar and writer Dastagir Bhatti.

Man kills sister, neighbour 'for honour'

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: A man allegedly shot dead his sister and a man over an alleged matter of honour in the Arib Jakhrani village within the jurisdiction of the Muhammadpur Odho police station, in taluka Garhi Khairo, Jacobabad, on Friday.

The suspect, identified as Saddam Jakhrani, opened fire, killing his sister Ms Iqbal Bibi and a neighbour named Khadim Jakhrani on the pretext of karo-kari and fled.

Upon receiving information, police reached the spot and shifted the bodies to the taluka hospital for a post-mortem.

After completion of the medico-legal formalities, the bodies were handed over to the respective heirs, police said.

Meanwhile, the SSP Jacobabad took a serious notice of the incident, forming police teams to arrest the suspect.

An FIR was not registered till the filing of this report.

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No: Sr. Dir/(HRM)/Dir(Serv)/KMC/2025/ 2808.
Dated: 01/10/2025

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred under Rules 5(3) of Sindh Civil Servants (Efficiency & Disciplinary) Rules, 1974, I, Senior Director (HRM), Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, being an authorized Officer:

a. Am of the opinion that in view of allegations frame against you, have sufficient grounds that disciplinary action should be taken against you under the said Rules.

b. Have decided that it is not necessary to have an enquiry conducted through an Enquiry Officer or Enquiry Committee.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS:

As per reported by the Senior Director (M&HS), KMC.

1. That you were granted (730) days Ex-Pakistan leave w.e.f. 18-01-2023 to 17- 01-2025 to visit "NORWAY" vide order No. Sr. Dir(HRM)/Dir-Ser/KMC/2023/208,dated: 26-01-2023, after availment (730) days Ex-Pakistan leave, you were supposed to join duty on 18-01-2025, instead of resuming / joining duty, you submitted an application for extension of for one year w.e.f. 18-01-2025 to 17-01-2026.
2. That you have served Deputy Resumption Notice vide No. DIR/ASH/ESTT/984, dated: 21-05-2025, but you failed to reply as yet.

Therefore, you are hereby to call Show Cause Notice as to why disciplinary action should not be initiated against you for the aforesaid misconducts and why minor / major penalty be laid down under Sindh Civil Servants E&D Rules-1973.

Your reply should reach within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication/receipt hereof. In case, your reply is not received within the stipulated period, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in your defense & disciplinary action will be taken accordingly.

Senior Director
Human Resource Management KMC

Mst. Aliya Rehmat D/o Rehmat Siraj, Staff Nurse (BPS-16), ASH, KMC, through Abbasi Shaheed Hospital (M&HS), KMC.

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Tender No. PC/NED/CSIT/Computer/ 8531/2026

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13.01.2026	28.01.2026	29.01.2026 10:00 AM	29.01.2026 10:30 AM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

(i) The bidder must have at least 3 years of experience in the (subject procurement) relevant field

(ii) Details of turn-over (Including in terms of Rupees) of at least last three years that average turnover of last three years should not be less than Rs 10 million per year.

(iii) Registration with FBR / SRB (whichever is applicable).

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